


REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is being made to insert reference to the PCT application of which the present case is a U.S. national stage. The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to place this case in better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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7. (Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that it has, outside of the volume (10, 54) for the storage of waste (8), a conduit (42) for return of purified air.

8. (Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~the preceding claim~~7, characterized in that said conduit (42) opens:

- at one of its ends into the link wall (4, 48),
- at the other end into the base wall (2, 46).

9. (Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of claims~~claim 7 or 8, characterized in that one part of the wall or walls (42a, 42b) of the conduit (42) is common with the walls delimiting the volume (10, 54) for the storage of waste (8).

10. (Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that it has a lid (70) disposed on the link wall (4, 48), said lid (70) having an opening (74) communicating with the opening (5, 49) of the link wall (4, 48).

11. (Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~the preceding claim~~10, characterized in that the surface area of the opening

(74) is between 5% and 25% of the surface area of the opening (5, 49) of of the link wall (4, 48).

12.(Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of claims~~claim 10 and ~~11~~, characterized in that the cross-section of opening (74) of the lid (70) is between 10 cm² and 25 cm².

13.(Amended) Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of claims~~claim 10 to ~~12~~, characterized in that the lid (70) or a part of the lid (70) is mounted to pivot about an axis (72) that is spaced from the zone of contiguity.

14.(Amended)Removable container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8) according to ~~one of claims~~claim 10 to ~~13~~, characterized in that the lid (70) has at least one joint (75) which is peripheral to the openings, on one and/or the other of its faces.

15.(Amended) Device (12, 22, 31) for separation of waste (8) of the inertial or cyclonic type for an electrical appliance of the vacuum cleaner type, said device (12, 22, 31) having a first tube (38 221) presenting an air inlet orifice (32, 34) capable of receiving air that is aspirated and led by the tube, and an air return orifice, a screw (222, 36) positioned in an axial manner in this first tube (38, 221), a second tube (224, 40) having a diameter smaller than the outer diameter of the screw (222, 36) and situated coaxially

in the extension of the first tube (38, 221), in communication over an air path by one end to the return flow end of the first tube and connected by its other end to the suction group (64) by a first evacuation conduit (224, 42), a third tube arranged around the second tube and connected to the return flow end of the first tube in a manner to arrange between the second and the third tube a second conduit (223) for evacuation of waste toward a collecting container (1, 44), characterized in that the container (1, 44) conforms to ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 to 13.

16. (Amended) Device (12, 22, 31) for separation of waste according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 15, characterized in that the screw (222, 36) and the first (38, 221), second (224, 40) and third tubes are substantially parallel to the link wall (4, 48) of the container (1, 44) for collecting waste (8).